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Revision of the scales of pay of village officers.

* 1314 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Tamilnad Village Officers' Conference held on 6th February 1954 at Tiruchirappalli by a resolution requested the Government to revise the scales of pay of village officers as per the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission, and, if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" A copy of the resolutions passed by the XI Conference of the Tamilnad Village Officers' Association held at Tiruchirappalli on 7th February 1954 has been received by the Government. One of the resolutions relates to the revision of the emoluments of the village officers on the scales recommended by the Salaries Committee in the year 1919. The Government have examined the question already and in view of their present financial condition, they have declined to revise the scale of emoluments."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR:—" In view of the present financial condition of the Government, is there any move to reduce the scales of pay of village officers?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Does the hon. Member sincerely wish for it?"

Execution of the Tirumani Drainage channel in Vennar division, Tanjore district.

* 1315 Q.—SRI P. VENKATESHA SHOLAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the estimated cost for excavation of the Tirumani Drainage Channel in Vennar division, Tanjore district; and

(b) when the Government propose to execute the work?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (a) The cost for carrying out improvements to Tirumaniar Channel from mile 10/4 to 13/0 up to its infall into Kannanar was estimated at Rs. 56,000 in the year 1952.

" (b) The work has been kept in abeyance till a decision is taken on the scheme now under consideration for straight cutting the Pattuvanachi drain into the sea, since this latter scheme will relieve floods in Pamaniar and the backing up of its waters into Kannanar, beyond the confluence of Tirumaniar, which is blocking the flow of Tirumaniar and the necessity for improvements to Tirumaniar and the extent to which it has to be carried out depends on the results of this scheme. Without the large scheme, the improvement of the Tirumaniar may be ineffective."